

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hill a bill supplemental to an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Lagrange in the county of Fayette, was taken up, read 2d time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the rule was suspended, bill read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Grimes the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Potter withdrew his motion to lay on the table the motion of Mr. Martin to reject the bill to prescribe a code of civil procedure for the State of Texas.

Mr. Martin withdrew his motion to reject the bill.

The first reading of the bill was then resumed.

On motion of Mr. Allen the Senate adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 10th, 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Martin presented several petitions of the citizens of Limestone county, asking a change of the county seat—referred to the committee on counties and county boundaries, and the petition of Francisco Sanches—referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of the heirs of Elizabeth Jones—referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Taylor of Fannin, presented the petition of the heirs of John Ragsdale—referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. McCulloch presented the petition of Alexander McCulloch—referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of James Rogers—referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Truit presented the petition of Wm. F. Stephenson—referred to the committee on Private Land Claims. Also, the petition of Bailey Lout—referred to the same committee.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills reported the following bills correctly engrossed:

"A bill to incorporate the city of Marshall."

"A bill to quiet land titles," and
 "A bill to provide for the investigation of land titles in certain counties."

Mr Hord, chairman of the committee on State affairs, made the following report:

"The committee on State affairs, to which was referred a bill for the relief of the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railway company, or their assignees in certain cases, has instructed me to report that said company having completed sufficient sections of road under their charter, to entitle them to a number of land certificates they were accordingly issued.

These certificates were required by law to be located, surveyed and patented within one year from their issuance. They were assigned by said company to third parties. The assignees it seems, had them located, surveyed and returned to the General Land Office, when it appeared that they had been located in the wrong district, and when the assignees attempted to rectify the mistake by placing their locations in the office of the proper district, it proved to be the case that these lands had been already located. By these mistakes and consequent delays the assignees were prevented from complying with the law requiring the certificates to be located, surveyed and patented within one year from their issuance. The committee has considered all the circumstances above set forth, and believe that the matter is a fair subject for relief, and that another year should be allowed the assignees of the certificates mentioned in the bill referred to them, in which to comply with the said conditions of the law. Wherefore, they have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage."

Mr Scott, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of James H. Starr and Thos. J. Rusk—reported a bill for their relief and recommend its passage—bill read first time.

Mr Taylor of Fannin, from the committee on Printing and contingent expenses, made the following report:

"The committee on Printing and contingencies, have had the account of R. T. Brownrigg before them, and have agreed to file the blanks in said account with two dollars per day, as there appears some doubt as to what pay should be allowed the porters. Your committee beg leave to refer this account, together with the proposed amendment to the Senate for its action."

On motion of Mr Taylor of Fannin, the rule was suspended, and the report taken up for consideration.

Mr Grimes moved to amend, by striking out "two," and inserting "one."

Mr Bryan moved to refer the report to the committee on Printing and contingencies, and instruct them to report all expenditures to the present time—lost.

Mr McCulloch moved to amend Mr Grimes' amendment, by adding fifty cents per day, thereto—lost.

The amendment of Mr Grimes was then adopted.

Mr Weatherford introduced a bill for the relief of William Rawlins—read first time.

Mr Flanagan introduced a bill for the relief of Hezekiah George—read first time.

Mr Scarborough introduced a bill abolishing the office of Justice of the Peace within the corporate limits of the city of Brownsville, and investing the Mayor of said city with the powers and jurisdiction of Justice of the Peace—read first time.

Mr Guinn introduced a bill for the relief of Zachariah Bottoms—read first time.

On motion of Mr Grimes, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr Hill introduced a joint resolution concerning the public Debt—read first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill creating a permanent fund for the erection and support of a State University, was read.

The amendment of Mr Lott, to strike out "a," and insert two," before the word "university," was adopted.

On motion of Mr Grimes the bill was amended by striking out "\$300,000," and inserting "\$500,000."

Mr Millican moved to amend by striking out "\$500,000," and inserting "\$1,000,000"—lost.

Mr Palmer offered "a bill to establish a State University," as a substitute.

Mr Millican moved to postpone the consideration of the bill till Thursday, 13th December, 11 o'clock—lost.

Mr Millican moved to lay the bill and substitute on the table—lost.

Mr Guinn moved to lay the substitute on the table, carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Lott, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Pirkey, Russell, Scott, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford and Wren, 18.

NAYS—Messrs. Bryan, Caldwell, Doane, Hill, McCulloch, McDade, Palmer, Pedigo, Potter, Superviele, Whitaker and White, 12.

Mr Bryan offered a "bill to establish two universities," as a substitute for the bill.

Mr Scott offered a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 of the five per cent, United States bonds, as an additional fund for common schools, as a substitute for the bill and substitute.

On motion of Mr Potter, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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Senate met—roll called—no quorum.

On motion of Mr Potter, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, Dec. 11th, 1855.

The President called the Senate to order, pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr White presented the petition of Jas. Cummin, and the petition of Donna Ipez Rene, et. al.—each referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr Hill presented the petition of Francis Blundell—referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr Superviele presented the petition of Juan, and Juan Mannel Solo, and of Jose de Jesus Rodriguez; each referred to the committee on the Judiciary; and the petition of sundry citizens of Bexar county—referred to the committee on counties and county boundaries.

Mr Truit presented the petition of W. D. Corden, of H. N. Askins, of Joseph Moore, and of Thomas Patterson—referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr Palmer, from the committee on Public Lands, made the following report:

"The committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the "bill to amend the act of limitation, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report a substitute for the same, and recommend its passage. The only change made in the Statute is to permit the actual occupant of the soil to plead the Statute of limitations against the State and against married women, both of which changes it is believed by the committee will tend greatly to quiet the titles of property in the country."

On motion of Mr Caldwell the rule was suspended, and the report made the special order for Thursday next, 13th inst.

Mr White, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a "bill to quiet land titles, reported the same back and recommended its passage.